

World-renowned string quartet to play in Gothenburg on Sun Theatre stage

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Chiara special entertainment.

Matt Weiss doesn't ever remember a foursome the quality of the Chiara String Quartet ever playing in Gothenburg.

"This could be a lifetime opportunity for the community to hear and see such talent," said the co-manager of the Sun Theatre where the world-renowned quartet will play. "Usually you have to go to Lincoln or Omaha to experience such entertainment."

The Chiara String Quartet will play a public concert on Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling 537-3235 or by visiting the [website](#) .

Composed of violinists Rebecca Fischer and Julie Yoon, Jonah Sirota on the viola and Gregory Beaver, cello, the quartet will play the compositions of Ludwig van Beethoven, Withold Lutosalwski and Johannes Brahams.

Renowned for bringing fresh excitement to traditional string quartet repertoire as well as for creating insightful interpretations of new music, the Chiara String Quartet is celebrating its 10th anniversary season.

The quartet has been artists-in-residence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 2005, at the Greenwood Music Camp and are in residence at Harvard University.

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Members also trained and taught at The Juilliard School.

Honors for the group include a top prize at the Paolo Borciani International Competition, winning the Astral Artistic Services National Audition and winning first prize at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. The quartet was also awarded the Guarneri Quartet Residency Award for artistic excellence by Chamber Music America plus grants from foundations.

Chiara has also performed in major concert halls across the country and abroad.

The quartet's name Chiara (key-ARE-uh) is an Italian word, meaning "clear, pure, or light."

More information about the group can be found [online](#) and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chiarastringquartet.

Weiss said it was the idea of members of the Gothenburg Community Playhouse to bring the quartet to town.

"We try to do as many different things at the theatre that we can," he said.

In addition to offering a variety of movies each weekend night, the playhouse has brought in entertainers like Elvis-impersonator Joseph Hall, magicians, a comedy night by the school speech team, play productions, a capella groups, talent shows, a Theatre of Terror and more.

"We are so fortunate to have the movie theatre and an active playhouse and volunteers who give their time, talent and money," Weiss said.

Any extra money from Chiara ticket sales will go into improving the theatre and the century-old building in which it's located, he said.

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